



Columbian files

## Artillery Barracks

■ **Built:** 1904.

■ **What it was:** Housed two companies of artillery soldiers.

■ **What it is today:** The Army's been out of the building since 1999, so it stands vacant.

■ **What it could be:** The Fort Vancouver National Trust has high hopes to attract investors to transform the two-story structure into a historic hotel.

■ **What might get in the way:** There's significant work that has to be done to get it from a large, open bunking space to a hotel with many rooms. There's also lead in the attic, leftovers from when soldiers practiced their firearms skills. It also needs structural, seismic and Americans with Disabilities Act improvements.

■ **Fun fact:** Graffiti from rebellious soldiers in World War I can still be seen on the walls in the attic.